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# OHIO

## WEEKLY CROP - PROGRESS SUMMARY

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### OHIO CROP-WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS

The average temperature for the State was 47.0 degrees, 5.0 degrees above normal for the week ending Sunday, March 28. Precipitation averaged 0.55 inches, 0.01 inches above normal. Growing degree days were 15 points above normal.

Reporters rated 1.5 days suitable for fieldwork during the seven-day period ending Friday, March 26. This is 0.9 days less than last year and 1.6 days less than the five-year average. Topsoil moisture was rated 0 percent very short, 0 percent short, 49 percent adequate, and 51 percent surplus.

#### Days Suitable

	Current week	Previous week	Since 1 <sup>st</sup> week of April
2004	1.5	NA	1.5
2003	2.4	NA	2.4
1999-2003 Average	3.1	NA	3.1

#### Topsoil Moisture

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Current Week	0	0	51	49
Last Week	NA	NA	NA	NA
Same Week Last Year	0	3	65	32
1999-2032 Average	2	14	63	21

### PERCENT PROGRESS OF CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY MARCH 28

Crop	2004	2003	1999-03 Average	Previous Week	
				Ohio	U.S.
Winter Wheat jointed	1	1	NA	NA	NA

### PERCENT CONDITION OF MAJOR CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY MARCH 28

LIVESTOCK	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	0	3	18	67	12
Previous Week	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Previous Year	0	2	22	66	10
PASTURE	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	5	15	27	47	6
Previous Week	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Previous Year	1	9	36	49	5
WINTER WHEAT	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	1	5	28	54	12
Previous Week	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Previous Year	2	4	20	56	18

### FIELD ACTIVITIES AND CROP PROGRESS WEEK ENDING SUNDAY MARCH 28

Temperatures continue their warming trend and more rain fell across the state of Ohio as the month of March nears its end. Throughout the week producers installed tiles, repaired fences and worked on conservation programs. Farmers hauled grain to local elevators, performed machinery maintenance, and applied fertilizer in drier locations. Many are trying to get their pesticide licenses renewed before they expire after the first of April.

Crop weather respondents estimate **Winter wheat** is one percent jointed. The maple syrup season is nearing its end due to increasing temperatures resulting in reduced sap quality.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS

Livestock are reported to be in good condition with spring calving proceeding as normal. Fruit trees are starting to bud and no damage was reported from last weeks cold snap. Winter wheat is reported to be in good condition, except for a few late planted fields. Pastures are soggy and growth has been slowed by cooler temperatures.

# WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY MARCH 28

Region	Temperature		Precipitation		Growing Degree Days <sup>1/</sup>	
	Last Week	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.
Northwest	45.6	5.5	0.70	0.21	27	10
North Central	46.0	6.0	0.77	0.28	29	12
Northeast	45.1	5.7	1.02	0.47	25	8
West Central	47.8	5.9	0.55	0.06	41	20
Central	47.4	4.7	0.51	0.02	42	17
Central Hills	45.7	4.9	0.74	0.21	32	11
Northeast Hills	45.3	3.8	0.63	0.09	31	9
Southwest	50.1	6.1	0.25	-0.33	52	25
South Central	48.9	4.1	0.22	-0.42	48	16
Southeast	46.7	3.5	0.35	-0.22	42	14
STATE	<b>47.0</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>0.55</b>	<b>0.01</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>15</b>

1/ Modified Growing degree days, base 50 - ceiling 86.

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